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FRONT ROYAL MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 17 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DRUG CHARGE

United States Attorney John L. Brownlee announced today that Chance Daniel Whittington, age 20, of Front Royal, Virginia, was sentenced to 17 ½ years in prison for one count of conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Whittington was sentenced by Judge Glen E. Conrad on January 9th, 2006 in United States District Court in Harrisonburg.

Whittington plead guilty in May 2005 to a one count information charging him with one count of conspiracy to distribute crack.

According to the summary of evidence, Whittington was a crack cocaine user and distributor in the Front Royal, Virginia, area. In August 2004, Whittington stole four pistols and over a thousand dollars from his father. Whittington then attempted to trade the stolen pistols for cocaine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rusty Fitzgerald.

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